

REMARKS

The Non-Final Office Action mailed April 20, 2011 has been received and carefully considered. Claims 71-83 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added. Claims have been cancelled as indicated above without waiver or disclaimer. Entry of the amendments to the claims and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in the present application are requested based on the following remarks.¹

Support for the new claims may be found in the present published application, for example, at least in ¶¶ [0034], [0039], [0042], [0053], [0056], [[0070] - [0074], and [0090] - [0101]. Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims are allowable over the cited art. Specifically, the cited art, alone or in combination, fails to disclose the methods recited by independent claims 71 and 80.

¹ As Applicant's remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicant's silence as to assertions by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., assertions regarding dependent claims, whether a reference constitutes prior art, whether references are legally combinable for obviousness purposes) is not a concession by Applicant that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicant reserves the right to analyze and dispute such in the future.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that prosecution and allowance of the application will be expedited through an interview, whether personal or telephonic, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any suggestions leading to the favorable disposition of the application.

It is believed that no fees are due for filing this Amendment. However, the Director is hereby authorized to treat any current or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Applicant also authorizes the Director to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, and all required extension of time fees, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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